

REMARKS

Claim 1, 6-9, 14, 25, 35, 41, 50, and 55-56 have been amended. Claims 1-29, 31-41, 45-51, and 55-56 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and the application be forwarded on to issuance.

Interview Summary

Applicant's Representative, Mark Niemann, wishes to thank Examiner Nicholas Augustine for the telephone interview on December 4th, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's Representative and the Examiner discussed amending the claims to recite "multiple controls." In the interest of advancing prosecution Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 14, 25, 35, 41, 50, and 55 to recite "multiple controls."

Applicant's Representative understood the Examiner to consider the claims as amended allowable over the references of record.

Rejections under § 103

Claims 1-9, 12-18, 20, 21, 23-24, 36-37, 41-46, and 50-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blaze Software (Blaze Tray Audio) ("Blaze") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,357,042 to Srinivasan et al. ("Srinivasan").

Claims 10, 11, 19, 22, 25-35, 38-40, and 47-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blaze in view of Srinivasan and further in view of <http://gustosoft.com> ("GustoSoft").

Response to § 103 Rejections

As noted in the Interview Summary above, Applicant understands the Examiner to consider all of the pending claims allowable over the references of

record. Accordingly, in view of the above, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

5 All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Office issue a Notice of Allowability. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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